

November 9, 1961

George Hargrow

George Irving Hargrow, Groton, S. D., was born August 5, 1878, at Parnell, Mich., one of a family of ten children. He died Tuesday morning, Oct. 31, 1961, in the Bethesda Nursing Home at Webster, which he entered June 26. Funeral services were held November 2nd, at 2:00 p. m. in the Presbyterian church, at Groton, with Rev. Robert Carey officiating. Burial was in Groton Union cemetery.

Mr. Hargrow came to Groton in 1888 or '89 with his family, securing his education in the Groton schools. In 1905 he started buying grain for the Eagle Roller Mill, which he continued for forty-seven years. In 1913 he was married to Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Dr. J. D. Jones, a physician in Groton for many years. Mrs. Hargrow passed away in 1954. There were no children born to this union.

Mr. Hargrow was a faithful and devoted member of the Presbyterian church, having served for twenty-two years as church secretary and many years as an usher. After the passing of his wife, he established a memorial library in the church, called the Elizabeth Hargrow library, which contains a goodly number of fine volumes.

Mr. Hargrow is survived by one sister, Mrs. Alecia Cavanaugh of Aberdeen and one brother, Cephas, or Steve, as he is known, in Sioux Falls, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Besides Mr. Hargrow's business vocation as manager of the Eagle Roller Mill, he had many other interests and accomplishments. He had been a photographer in his earlier life and had a shop on Main Street in Groton at about the site of the present Standard Oil station. He was also an avid baseball fan, having played for many years with Groton's team. Bowling also was a sport he enjoyed and played well. George was also a skater of no mean ability. He was known over the country as one of its best figure skaters and belonged to The Skating Troupe of Aberdeen, headed by Russ Easton for years.

Though Mr. and Mrs. Hargrow had no children of their own, they loved all children, and made much of those in the neighborhood. Among the fondest memories of many a young man growing up in Groton, were the hours George not only employed him at odd jobs but gave him counsel and guidance in the priceless values in living.

George was a friend to all who knew him and an esteemed loyal friend to those who knew him best.